was anyway going towards Ghaziabad for necessary repairs and schedule maintenance, this opportunity was utilised by senior official to reach Delhi to attend an important meeting with the General Manager at New Delhi on 3.4.2000. Since the loco movement was essentially made for operational reasons, no significant extra expenditure was involved.

(d) Instructions have been issued to avoid recurrence of such situations as far as possible especially in view of on-going austerity drive.

Railway Wagon/Coach manufacturing Factory in Assam

4397. DR. (SHRIMATI) JOYASREE GOSWAMI MAHANTA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up a similar railway wagon/coach manufacturing factory in Assam as was set up at Kapurthala in Punjab to pull away youths from terrorist and secessionist activities by generating employment opportunities for them as conditions in Assam are almost similar to the conditions that existed in Punjab a few years back; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The available wagon/coach manufacturing capacity in the country is considered adequate to meet the present needs.

Status/Progress of Railway Projects cleared by CCEA

4398. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI :
MISS MARBEL REBELLO :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the status/progress of 12 railway projects cleared by Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs on 4th February, 1999, costing to Rs. 2,529 Crores;

(b) what are the figures, project-wise; and

(c) when would these projects be completed, giving the details thereof, project-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) to (c) Details regarding the 12 Railway projects including their costs, expenditure incurred on these projects up to March, 2000, budget allocation for 2000-01 and present status are given in the attached Statement (*See* below). Targets are fixed on yearly basis depending upon overall availability of resources. These projects will be progressed to completion as per availability of resources in the coming years.